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Keiichi KURASHINA et al. : Confirmation No. 5697

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PLATING APPARATUS AND PLATING : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

METHOD

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2009, Applicants in the above-referenced patent application elect Group II corresponding to claims 34-45 and considered drawn to a plating method for examination at this time.

Should the Examiner require anything further prior to the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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